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Technical Assistance Program

Applications for the annual TA Grant Cycle are generally available in March. At that time, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) will accept applications for pre-design and design projects that prepare communities for project construction in circumstances where resources are otherwise limited or lacking. WIFA's TA Grant Cycle begins July 1, in conjunction with the State of Arizona's fiscal schedule.

The Money

The amount of TA grant monies awarded to multiple projects varies annually.

The Requirements

For a grant application to be considered eligible for evaluation, it must meet the following criteria:

- 💧 Pre-design or design project
- 💧 Project will assist the system to achieve technical capability, managerial and institutional capability, or financial capability
- 💧 Clean water project applicants must be publicly-owned jurisdictions including cities, towns, special districts, county improvement districts, sanitary districts or Indian tribes
- 💧 Drinking water project applicants must be publicly-held community drinking water systems including cities, towns, Tribes and districts. Additionally, privately owned systems, co-ops system, non-profits and other entities regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) are eligible
- 💧 Private companies are limited to technical assistance consultant contributions and loans
- 💧 Minimum local match of 25%, 50% or 75% of total project cost
- 💧 Be eligible under state and federal regulations

The Evaluation

- 💧 Existing Conditions
- 💧 Project Benefits
- 💧 Local Fiscal Capacity

For more details, refer to Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) 18-5-506 and A.C.C. 18-15-510.

The Deadline

2006 TA grant applications are closed. 2007 TA grant applications will be due mid-April 2006.

The Awards

The 2007 TA grant awards will be announced in June 2006.

Tips

- 💧 Applicants may apply for assistance to form a political subdivision or to conform to Arizona Corporation Commission requirements.
- 💧 TA Grant recipients may use a WIFA loan for the minimum local match requirement, which is awarded through a separate process.
- 💧 Although grants are only offered once a year, pre-design and design loans are available throughout the year to all eligible systems.

The Application

The 2007 TA Grant Application will not be available until March 2006. At that time, the application may be accessed at WIFA's website:

www.azwifa.gov

If you wish to have a hardcopy of the application sent to you, please call WIFA Communications Director Tiffany Troidl at (602) 364-1314 or, toll free at (877) 298-0425.

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Schedule - 2007 Funding Cycle

March 1, 2006	Solicitation of 2007 TA PL Applications
March 24, 2006	TA workshop
April 14, 2006	2007 TA PL Applications Due
April 17-28, 2006	Scoring Committee produces Intended Use Plan, Priority List, and Fundable Range
May 1, 2006	Circulate Draft IUP / Public Comment Begins
May 17, 2006	Public Hearing / Public Comment Ends
June 7, 2006	Committee Meetings – review Draft IUP
June 21, 2006	Executive Board Meeting – amend /adopt the IUP
June 26-30, 2006	Award letters, agreements, etc. are sent out
June 31, 2006	2006 TA Funding Cycle Ends
July 1, 2006	2007 TA Funding Cycle Begins
August 1, 2006	TA Kick-Off Seminar for communities receiving grant awards

